

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 27, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Louisiana, made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 185.]

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James G. Carson, report:

That he prays the passage of an act to permit him to enter, at the minimum price, lot No. 16 of township 19 of range 13 east, in the district of lands north of Red river, subject to sale at the land office at Ouachita. This lot was, by the general land law, reserved for the use of schools in the said township. It is a fractional lot. It seems that the Secretary of the Treasury, in conformity with law, by letter, directed the register at Ouachita to select other lands for schools in the said township 19; that the register accordingly selected lots Nos. 25, 26, and 27 of said township, for the use of the schools, and informed the Secretary of the Treasury thereof, who, in a letter to the register, dated 9th November, 1826, confirmed the selection made as aforesaid, in lieu of lot 16. It seems that the township has entered into the possession and use of the lots 25, 26, and 27, so selected and approved. It appears that the said lot 16, after this selection was regarded as public land subject to sale, and yet because of some provision of the general law, and directions given to the register at Ouachita, he refuses to permit the same to be entered or taken at private sale. Application has been made to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, who has recommended application for relief to be made to Congress.

An application was made to Congress, under similar circumstances, by Wm. B. Keen and Jno. L. Martin, in relation to lot No. 16 in township 21, of same land district, and a law passed for their relief, permitting them to enter the same at \$1 25 per acre. (See Statutes at Large, volume 8, page 751.)

Petitioner is the owner of lots, in said township 19, Nos. 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18, on which he has in cultivation a large plantation; in the midst of which plantation, and on which are all his buildings, is said lot 16. This plantation has been cultivated since 1834, and said lot 16, together with lots 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18, occupied by

him and those under whom he claims, all that time. About which time all the said lots, except 16, were purchased from the government and paid for. The buildings were located on lot 16 from mistake, or rather from want of knowledge as to its exact boundary.

Inasmuch as the school lands for said township have been located on other lots, as before stated, amounting to the full share to which the township is entitled, the location approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and accepted by the citizens of the township, relying upon the precedent in the case of Kean and Martin, the committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and for that purpose report a bill.

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